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ONE year ago the Republic of China was set up after a short sharp struggle between the revolutionary army and the imperial forces. The fire lit in the far-away province of Szchuan blazed with vigor at Wuchang, Hankow and Hanyang. The country south of the Yangtse gathered in force to fight the imperialists. Nanking was taken by the republican forces, and preparations were made for an advance upon Peking. Then the bloodshed and carnage were stopped and men sat down at the council table to talk the matter out. The result was that the Manchu dynasty came to an end and a republic was declared in the land of Han.

What Remains to be Done

China has set her face toward the future. Hitherto she has been walking backward through the centuries. Her people have been accustomed to a patriarchal form of government under the "Son of Heaven." The mass of the people are illiterate and deeply superstitious. One of the first needs is a thorough system of education. The children need to be freed from mumming over the Confucian classics and to be taught what real life is. Nature needs to be revealed to their blinded minds that they may come to know God the Creator of all things. Young men and young women who chatter glibly about liberty, equality and fraternity need to be reminded that liberty is not license, that there is equality of opportunity but not of equipment, that fraternity calls for a recognition of the rights of others.

Our Part in the Task

It is said that when a prominent official in China was asked, "When did this revolution start?" he immediately replied, "When Morrison came to China." In this apt reply is hidden a world of meaning. Undoubtedly the religion of Jesus Christ is in a large

measure responsible for the new form of government in China. But let us be careful in our boasting in this matter. *Our work has just begun.* We dare not sit down in self-satisfied ease and look on while the millions of China wrestle with the new problems before them. They are attempting to live under the most delicate form of government yet known. They need more than ever the steadying principles of Christianity. We must recognize our share in this great task in China. Our present forces will not suffice to cope with the situation. If we are prepared to dedicate ourselves to this mighty endeavor, if we have a broad horizon and a far view, we can mold and make this new republic what we will. If we simply become spectators of this struggle of one fourth of the human race for freedom to live and love and work, then we are recreant to our Lord, and the time has come for us to stop professing to be part of his Church and to give place to better and more consecrated men. China needs us. If we fail her in her hour of need and she solves her problem without our aid, that will be evidence that the Church of Christ is not an absolute necessity in her national life. If we help her now, then for all time she will show the gratitude of one who being in dire distress found a deliverer.

Reckoning in Men and Dollars

Appeals have come from each of our China missions to undertake advance work on account of these new opportunities. As a result the Board of Managers of the Foreign Mission Society recently called together representatives of these missions — men of experience — to discuss present issues. They met with the officers of the Society and gave two full days to a discussion of the problems. They considered the China field from two points of view: *the actual need,* and *the policy of the Society.*

The avowed policy of the Foreign Mission Society is to open no new work until that already undertaken is properly manned and equipped. This held the consideration of the China problems down to the earth — to things real. The discussion was not concerning the things desirable, but regarding the actual situation and the problems pressing for solution. Every main station was discussed in detail, facts and figures were produced, results

of work were considered, and every statement was challenged. Facts, cold and bare, yet significant, were tabulated. These men were not working up statistics; they wanted *facts* and they got them.

This is what they found. We Baptists have at present twenty main stations in China, manned by 63 men, together with their wives and the single women workers. Not a single station is adequately manned. The work of colleges, hospitals, training classes, building, buying of land, street preaching — all these things and more crowd in upon the missionary until he is actually overburdened in heart, soul and body.

To man the work already opened in that land, *fifty more men are needed today.* These needs are as follows:

South China	18 men
East China	12 ,,
West China	12 ,,
Central China	8 ,,
Total	50 men

Of these at least ten should be physicians, twelve teachers, two architects and builders, and the twenty-six others evangelists. Young men, the call is to you!

A Demand that Must be Met

The property needs were also considered and it was found that $242,200 is necessary to meet the present requirements. Older men, this call is to you, and to every man who can help. This total includes residences for missionaries, land for buildings, equipment for educational institutions, and other items of special appeal. In one large center the missionary physician, the only doctor for 300,000 people, has no hospital. In another place a large hospital has practically no medical equipment — little more than the bare building itself. One of our colleges has no place to house the students. In many stations the missionaries have no decent house in which to live. Consider these few illustrations of what is needed:

Boys' boarding school building, Swatow	$5,000
Hospital building and site, Chaoyang	7,250

Hospital building in Hopo, in addition to the $2,000 pledged by the Chinese	1,000
Boys' Academy building, Ningpo	10,000
Enlargement of the chapel, Shaohsing	2,000
Hospital equipment, Kinhwa	2,000
Mission headquarters and site, Shanghai, including residence, treasurer's office and store house	15,000
Dormitory for the Shanghai Baptist College	10,000
Church building, Suifu	2,200
Hospital and dispensary, Ningyuanfu	5,000
West China Union University, college building	15,000
Enlargement of the Central China medical plant, Hanyang	13,600

There are other needs in smaller amounts, each one just as important in its own place. Write us about them. We can double the work and efficiency of our men in China by giving them proper equipment.

Now is the time to act. The deep consecration of our missionaries and the Chinese workers should be matched by prayer and good works on the part of Christians in America. "Gifts and men!" is the call of China. What does the call mean to you?

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